to Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries from four Southern States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh and have no contact with their families for the last several months/years;

(b) whether Government have checked that they have joined the Al-Quaeda and Taliban Cadres there and turned terrorists there; and

(c) whether any such persons have been found to be in terrorist groups coming to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIHARIN PATHAK): (a) The Government does not have any information in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Bill pending for clearance

1456.DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Government of Karnataka for the Karnataka Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 is pending for clearance; and

(b) if so, the current status of the proposal and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bill is under examination of Ministry of Home Affairs.

Study conducted regarding harassment of girl students

†1457. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report of Gender Study Group of Delhi University stating that 91.7 per cent girls residing in the hostels are harassed;

(b) if so, the details of the concrete steps taken by Government to check such harassment; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.